

"NO CONFIDENCE" VOTE IS PUZZLE

The William Duckworth - C.C.F. "want of confidence" admendment, which was moved in yesterday's Legislature, had Queen's Park guessing last night.

Conservative members denied they were flustered by the hybrid motion. But at the same time no one could state whether Hon. George S. Henry would or would not bring in a purer Conservative amendment when he speaks again to the Address today or tomorrow.

Mr. Duckworth, Toronto Conservative M.P.P., spoke to the "debate" yesterday and closed with an amendment to the Reply (a want of confidence motion), which was very similar to one which Sam Lawrence, C.C.F. member, tried to introduce last week. Furthermore, Mr. Duckworth's motion was seconded by Mr. Lawrence.

Former Premier Henry speaks today and can bring in a new "want of confidence" motion or let the Legislature split on the Conservative-C.C.F. amendment. Possible obstacle to the latter course is the disinclination which one Conservative member showed last year to voting for any measure sponsored by the C.C.F. member. But if the Conservative Leader brings in a second "want of confidence" motion he may run foul of certain rulings which have been used in former years against two similar motions of this type.

No hint of Government action was forthcoming last night. On the Treasury benches the Duckworth-C.C.F. amendment was considered the only "want-of-confidence" motion. But the Government, with raised eyebrows, wondered why a C.C.F. member was seconding the big vote of "no confidence."

Advice Given by Liberal To Tories

THE continued failure of the Opposition members in the Ontario Legislature to settle the identity of their next official Leader earned them a merciless twitting in the House yesterday at the hands of Dr. G. E. Tanner, Liberal member for Simcoe East.

"Our own actions," he said, "are greatly hampered by the delay in the choice of this new Leader, while each member, as I might say, 'preaches for a call.' When a matter comes up for discussion, each candidate for the leadership has to have his say.

"Perhaps," he offered, "we on the Government side could be of help to the Conservatives in this dilemma. My advice would be that you can't teach an old dog new tricks." At this obvious allusion to Hon. George Henry, the present Leader, the Conservatives stared at their desks, and said nothing.

FATHER FIRED, TOTS IN WANT, CHARGES TORY

Liberal Member Wants Proof of Statement Made by Elgie

A man with eleven children—fired by the Hepburn Government from a job in East Toronto—suffered mentally and physically, and is now practically starving out in the country, G. C. Elgie, Toronto Tory member, charged in last night's Legislature.

The charge was made suddenly, after Mr. Elgie's attack on Civil Service dismissals had been interrupted by a Liberal member's statement that no civil servants had been fired in his riding of Woodbine.

"A man with eleven children was fired in my riding," Mr. Elgie answered, "and some one had the audacity to say that he was a member of my executive and an ardent Tory. That man went from 190 pounds to 140 pounds; was temporarily more or less deranged; and was taken out to the country, where they are practically starving ever since."

"We're going to prove that statement," E. A. Allen, Toronto Liberal, broke in.

Mr. Elgie said he had written to the Liquor Control Board about it, and was ready to prove it.

Income tax revenue should be earmarked for relief; and, second, that real estate should not be penalized by a third tax represented by the income tax on real estate income, said the Toronto member.

HANSARD URGED FOR LEGISLATURE

G. C. Elgie, Conservative M.P.P., told Mr. Speaker N. O. Hipel last night that he was glad the Speaker was going to make ladies wear their hats in the Legislature, but that to preserve decorum the Legislature should have a Hansard.

Hansard is the stenographic report of the debates at the Ottawa House of Commons. No such word-for-word record is kept at Queen's Park.

Mr. Elgie said that if the members knew that their every word was being recorded it would make for greater courtesy, accuracy and brevity in debate. He charged that Premier Hepburn was one of the worst offenders, on one occasion "descending to a cheap diatribe against a former Prime Minister of Canada whom the world acknowledges to be a great man."

The Liberal benches chuckled.

HEPBURN REFUSES BOND CRISIS NEWS

Opposition Fails to Discover Details

Premier Hepburn said "No," yesterday, to Opposition chieftains, when they tried to dig out details of the bond crisis of last June. Conservative "questions" asked the Premier to say what part of the June bond issue was taken up by mining companies, department and chain stores, insurance companies, commercial houses and sundry individuals.

In reply to another question, the Premier stated that no municipality had been requested to transfer its deposits from any chartered bank to any branch of the Ontario savings offices.

UNEMPLOYMENT PLAN DESCRIBED

Duckworth Would End Problem in Six Months

How he would end unemployment in Ontario if he was "in charge of the Government of this Province" was explained in the Legislature yesterday by William Duckworth, Conservative member for Dovercourt.

He would have an Unemployment Commission set up, which would formulate Province-wide works programs, meanwhile interviewing the heads of industries and commerce, and asking them to take on more employees.

"Don't kid the people any longer that you can, by your present methods, adopt a program that will absorb the unemployed," appealed Mr. Duckworth. "Set up a Commission. We are paying \$17,000 for a Royal Commission to investigate the Toronto Police Department that's doing the taxpayers no good, but just clearing up a lot of 'guff'."

"Form an Unemployed Commission, and adopt the measures I advise, and I'll guarantee that in six months there won't be a man walking the street."

As to the problems resulting from the "machine age," Mr. Duckworth told a Liberal interrupter that he would suggest taxing every new industrial machine on the basis of the number of workmen it replaced.

LARGER INCOMES FOR HOSPITALS

Ontario convalescent hospitals got notice yesterday of an increase in their income which is provided in two Government bills brought down by Hon. Dr. J. A. Faulkner in the Legislature.

The Minister of Health's legislation will raise the municipal liability for indigent patients in the convalescent hospitals from 90 cents to \$1.25 per day. The Provincial aid is raised from 30 to 40 cents, and will supply part of this increase. A similar bill enacts the same provisions for patients in a convalescent sanatorium for consumptives.

The hospital bills contained two clauses aiding the municipalities which foot the bills for indigent patients. One of these requires a hospital superintendent to notify the Clerk of the municipality that the hospital is caring for an indigent patient. The second says that a nurse in training who falls ill shall not be a charge on the municipality in which the school is located. The Minister intimated her bills would go back to her home municipality.